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MEDIA STATEMENT

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education Receives Notification that Federal Grant Funds Will Be Released

Charlotte, NC – The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education issues the following statement: The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) team have received notification that the federal government will be releasing the almost \$8 billion in federal grants, previously approved by Congress and signed into law by President Trump, to public school districts across the nation, which includes all of the \$12.5 million allotted to CMS.

We are grateful that the federal government will release these funds. We are cautiously optimistic that these grant funds will continue to fund public education in the future and look forward to reviewing and complying with any potential new guidance from the United States (US) Department of Education.

The Board of Education would like to thank the 150 members of the North Carolina (NC) democratic congressional delegation who issued a letter to the US Department of Education and their colleagues across the aisle who supported releasing the funds. We are grateful for the efforts of NC Superintendent of Public Instruction Mo Green, NC Attorney General Jeff Jackson, and the many states and public-school districts who stood together to advocate that these funds be released as previously approved in the federal budget.

“We also thank the many CMS students, families, staff, and community partners for standing with the Board to advocate for these funds to be released to CMS and our 141,000 students who will be better supported in forging a bright future for their community,” shares Board of Education Chair Stephanie Sneed.

We are committed to serving our students, staff, and community with excellence without exception because endless possibilities start with CMS.